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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

As a supplemental response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2000 (the original response to which was filed on April 11, 2001), Applicants submit the following remarks and